

LATEST IRISH NEWS.

From The Pilot.

THE CHRISTMAS FLIGHT OF OLD AIGLE MORE.

Wish, Christmas at Killarney, an' me not there to see
The scarlet berries burnin' on the shin-
in' holly-tree.
The mountains risin' grandly—old Tore
atop of all—
The heather on the hillside, the haw
against the wall!
Yen, Christmas, at Killarney, an' the
heart o' me as free
As when I plucked the glist'nin'
wreaths from off the holly-tree!

They're holly on the pavements here,
As like Killarney's leaf
As a colleen's like a withered hag—bad
cess from Time, the thief
Yet the hag was once a girlish, but
these branches dull an' gray,
Were never green an' shinin' like the
holly far away.

Och, the dear old Jarsey bushes,
ye could strip them on yer knees!
Ah-h! to be in far Killarney with the
royal holly-trees!

Bad cess from Time, again say I, that
steals our youth away.
That puts the money in our fist, but
leaves us old an' gray!
That spoils our dream of goin' home
when all seems comin' true;
Ould Aigle More, sure, woud ye find
of all the friends ye knew?

With Con an' Luce an' Mary dead, an'
Tom an' Pat astray,
Strange faces make an' old man sad
the blessed Christmas Day!

I'd like to go, I'd like to go, an' the
money's in my purse—
Eh, the empty homes an' teemin'
graves? Could black old Time
do worse?

I'd greatly fear to wander back an' find
a lonely place,
An' never clasp a kinsman's hand or
meet an' old friend's face;
I'd dread to miss the bloomin' cheeks,
the curls I used to know,
Or see their ghosts in wrinkled skin an'
scanty locks of snow.

Bad cess from Time! Sure here's my
self would fright a colleen sore—
A bent old man the sturdy land that
once was "Aigle" More!
"Aigle" that used to skim Lough Leane
an' climb the Reeks for game;
"Dan More can fly," the old Earl
said: "Let 'Aigle' be his name."
Oh, the Aigle's Nest, Killarney! an' the
hole an' lakes below!

An' the wren-boys gatherin' holly in
the Christmas long ago!

Ould Aigle More, old weary child
that's lost your way an' slept
Till on your slumbers unbeknownst
years an' changes crept—
O find the way! go find the way, asleep
or wide awake,
An' pluck arbutus in the glen, an' holly
in the brake,
Go back an' be a lad agin where all yer
world was true,
Where mountains led to heaven, an'
the lakes held heaven's blue!

Here, snow an' sleet are colder than the
hearts of stranger men,
Here, hard frost grips the country till
the April comes again—
O for holly at Killarney; an' ne'er a bit
o' snow,
With the sea-wind blowin' blithely till
yer cheeks are all aglow;
Afar from sorrow faces an' the clink o'
yellow brass—
O to be at old Killarney with yer fut
upon the grass!

There's Innisfallen in my dreams—I
wonder will I go?
The old Earl's dead, the young Earl's
ould, an' ne'er a lad I'll know,
I'm beckoned, by the hills o' youth,
that cannot stray or die,
An' Gap, an' Bridge, an' Abbey walls,
an' Mary's grave near by!
'Tis my own, Killarney! where, next
year I may be
To pluck an' old man's Christmas
wreath from off the holly-tree.
—Honor Walsh in Donahoe's.

Carlow.

Mr. John Hammond, M. P. for County
Carlow, died unexpectedly on Sun-
day morning, Nov. 17, from heart dis-
ease. The news of his death plunged
the entire county in grief, for deceased,
who was engaged in business, was much
esteemed by all classes.

Cork.

An interesting link in the commercial
history of Cork is removed by the death
of Mr. John Carmichael, which has oc-
curred at Weymouth.

Donegal.

On Nov. 20, at Stranorlar, by the
Rev. P. B. McMullin, Thomas C. O'Gor-
man, of Hillman Bank, Letterkenny, son
of Chamberlayne O'Gorman, Rathgor-
man, Sandymount, Dublin, was married
to Annie Magee, eldest daughter of
George Magee, J. P., Ballyhokey.

Down.

His parishioners and numerous
friends heard with much sorrow of the
death of Rev. James Craggie, C. C.,
Hilltown, who took place Nov. 16, at
the Mater Misericordiae hospital, Dub-
lin. Father Craggie, who was 34 years
of age, was born in Killowen.

Dublin.

An action in which Miss Katharine
Coghlan, of Keshoge, Clonadalkin, sued
Mr. Patrick McKenna, of Raheny, for
breach of promise of marriage, con-
cluded Nov. 21 before Mr. Justice Mad-
den and the city common jury. The
jury found for the plaintiff and award-
ed her £250 damages.
Mr. Patrick Doyle, son of the late
Myles Doyle, of Tallaght, and brother
of the Rev. Father Fidelis Doyle, of the
Passionist Order, died in Dublin on
Nov. 14.

Sligo.

The Venerable Archdeacon Terence
O'Rourke, P. P., died at his residence,
Collooney, Nov. 18, aged 58 years. This
news was read with regret, deep and
personal, not only in Collooney where
he spent his life and for which he did
so much, but also through the whole
diocese of Achonry and wherever the
archdeacon was known.

Tipperary.

Many friends in the United States
will be glad to hear that Richard J.
Connolly, brother of Father John J.
Connolly of Springfield, Ill., and son
of J. J. Connolly, of Rathmore House,
Cashel, was installed a solicitor last
month, after a very successful course
in Dublin. His earlier studies were
made in Munster, Limerick, where he
matriculated; from thence he was
bound to L. J. Ryan, Esq., solicitor,
Thurles.

Tyrone.

The death occurred on Nov. 18 at
the Convent of Mercy, Dungannon, of
Mother Mary Gabriel Clarke, who was

In the twenty-sixth year of her reli-
gious profession.

Bernard Kilkeary, the last Irish sur-
vivor of the wreck of the Birkenhead,
died suddenly at Dungannon, aged 59.
He had been color sergeant of the Sec-
ond battalion of the Royal Highlanders
(Black Watch), and had lately received
the meritorious service medal.

Waterford.

Michael Halley, honorable secretary
of the Waterford City and District Na-
tional Teachers' association, has ob-
tained certificates to teach Irish under
the national board program, and also
to teach the bilingual program.

Wexford.

The death has occurred at Croghan
of Mrs. Michael Kavanagh. She figured
prominently in the Coolgreaney estate
campaign.

Tragedies in the Irish Peerage.

The suicide of Lord Kilmarnock almost
irresistibly recalls to recollection the
tragedies with which the annals even
in recent times of the Irish peerage
abound, says the Dublin Freeman's
Journal. Lord Castlereagh, the states-
man of the union, committed suicide in
1822, two years after he had succeeded
by the death of his father, to the Mar-
quisate of Londonderry, still retaining,
as an Irish Marquis, a seat in the
House of Commons as member for a
British constituency. In 1854 the Mar-
quis of Ormonde was drowned while
bathing, in the presence of his son,
while in 1855 the Marquis of Waterford
committed suicide by shooting himself
with a revolver in the library at Cur-
ragmore. The deaths of Irish peers by
violence are numerous, as in the cases
of Lord Kilwarden, killed in the Em-
met Insurrection, and the Earls of
Mountnorris, who were murdered. The
fifth Earl of Drogheda was lost at sea
in the passage between England and
Ireland in 1758. The seventh Lord Farn-
ham perished in 1888 in the terrible col-
lision of the Irish mail train at Aber-
gele, between Chester and Holyhead,
with a train of trucks laden with casks
containing petroleum, which took fire.
In 1869 Lord Cloncurry, whose peerage
was purchased at the same time as that
of Lord Kilmarnock, committed suicide in
fit of temporary insanity. The list
of tragic deaths of Irish peers could
without difficulty be largely extended.

The Irish Papal Brigade.

"The Irish Brigade" in Italy contrib-
uted to the Seven Hills Magazine, pub-
lished by the Olive Plunket society, of
Rome, Italy, by Father Conry, details
the story of the 1,100 Irishmen who
banded together in 1800, left their na-
tive land to join the Papal army. Al-
though the writer details the heroic
deeds and charges of the cosmopolitan
little army that rallied from
France, Austria, America, Belgium,
Italy and Ireland to the peninsula, he
still devotes nearly all space to proving
the Irishmen, "heads in one hand
and sword in the other," showed them-
selves on the plains of Italy what their
predecessors had been recognized to be
on the slopes of France—Christian men,
"sans peur et sans reproche." While the
Irish, the English press did not forget
them, for, true to the traditions of
seven centuries, it left no means un-
tried to blacken the fame of men who
were for the time being unable to re-
taliate.

"Throughout the war," says the
writer, "the Irish brigade had been
shamefully calumniated by the press of
England, especially by the Times. They
had been branded as men of whom
Ireland should be ashamed, mercenar-
ies who might well be regarded by the
Pope as treacherous friends and timid
foes. Their misfortunes gained the
widest publicity from this lover of
truth; their gallant stands were either
suppressed or attributed to others.
"Detected sneaks and poltroons,"
"base, cowardly hirelings," "the rabble
and outpourings of Ireland" were gen-
tle epithets used by that leading fac-
tory, the English tongue! And at this
while the Times seemed unmindful of
the fact that English generals have in-
variably succumbed to the habit of as-
signing to Irish soldiers "of an inferior
type" the high honor, though rather
doubtful pleasure, of the front rank in
battle.

"On the return of Papal soldiers, the
Times was taken to task and publicly
challenged either to prove or retract
its statements. Abundant proof, as to
their falsehood was forthcoming, but
it was found impossible to get the
editor to break 'the cold chain of sil-
ence.' He would neither prove nor re-
tract the malicious libel of his paper.
At length, in 1861, a pamphlet was pub-
lished and extensively circulated, in
which the Times' statements were con-
fronted by official reports of a contrary
nature from the pens of General Mori-
ciere and Fane on Victor Emmanuel's
staff. This ended the matter for the
Irishmen; their friends and enemies
on the continent had fully vindicated
them; only the leading organ of an in-
terested step-sister had attacked them
—and she hung her head in sullen sil-
ence."

The footsteps of the Irish soldiers
are followed minutely over every bat-
tlefield, and their gallant efforts to
shield the Pope-King from his own
countrymen and Garibaldi's minions
are dwelt upon with a pardonable
pride.

Not a Prescribed Diplomat.

(New York World.)
A missionary back from the Orient
claimed his household and personal ef-
fects were entitled to admission free of
import duty. He appealed to Assistant
Secretary Reynolds of the treasury.
"The only persons entitled to free
entry are ambassadors, ministers and
members of their suites," quoted Rey-
nolds from the law.
"That is just the point I am mak-
ing," declared the missionary. "I am
an ambassador of God."
Unfortunately the law does not cov-
er that point," replied Reynolds, and
the clergyman paid.

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